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**2D--Body Piercings & Their Suggested Jewelry"**  
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[14.4].

"2D.1a "The Navel Piercing - A Better Alternative" by Karen Hurt @ Future Primitives, <karen@fprimitive.com> We have all seen irritated and inflamed navel piercings; many develop discolored and hardened tissue around the openings. Some migrate and/or "grow out." This happens because the jewelry is too small and needs to move through the tissue to a position where it is no longer under stress. Removing the ring and replacing it with a curved barbell has always solved these problems, usually within days. A curved barbell allows the body to move naturally without stress to the piercing and will not cause any of the undesirable effects associated with the use of a ring."

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The current invention features a body piercing section that is curved in the classic "barbell" shape.